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Game Starts:

Diplomacy: Have six, need one.

Gunboat: Have two, need five.

Winter 1898: Have two, need five.

Acquire: Have one, need three.

Outpost: Have four, need two or more.

Destroyer Captain: Continual openings.

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Current Standby List: Lutterbie, Kent, Holley, Taylor, Wilson, Partridge, Scholl, Conlon, Easton, Milewski, Lurz, Davis, Whyte

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Random Notes

Welcome to this, the 108th issue of CCC. My life is hectic. I'm moving in three weeks into a duplex, (you'll get the COA next issue). My mother is moving to Germany in about six weeks, after a three visit in December. I have her cat permanently. I've got some job interviews later this week. My computer screwed up twice in the last month, requiring hard drive reformatting...

Zine-wise, things just continue to bubble along. Another game — Arleigh Burke — ends, reducing the zine to two Dip, an Acquire, and an Outpost game. The next Outpost game will start in two months, when Drake ends. The next Dip game has six signed up, and needs only one more to get underway... You also get to experience the range of my writing; there's a review of a tome on economic history and one of my poems. Be forewarned, I'll publish more of my poems unless you sign up for more games. This is your only warning...

Have a festive holiday season.

Denis Jones

Well, my travels took me to Newcastle, in the northeast of England. My brother lives up there, and Charlton happened to have a game down the road in Sunderland... Gave me a couple of days to have a look around, visit Durham, see the coast of the North Sea, and take a look at the bars of the grim north east. And if you thought my accent was bad, I find the Geordie one incomprehensible. So next time some place with a better climate. I enjoyed myself up there.

Found a few new good records, bands — Prolapse, The Delta 72, the new Mick Harvey LP, David Holmes, The Verve (now a band I like after years of not liking), and a million more. Well XFM is now broadcasting to London, so we have an "alternative" music station 24 hours a day, and it's better than expected. Pure brilliance. Especially as they play lots of old stuff I like.

Anyway, I can take that all day. What I cannot take is Louise Woodward — apparently the victim of a corrupt third world legal system.

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Economics In The Long Run: Book Review

In the 20th century, two events have shaken the great theories of how the economy as a whole functions: the Great Depression and the stagnation and inflation of the 1970s. In *Economics in the Long Run: New Deal Theorists and their Legacies, 1933 - 1993* (UNC Press, \$34.95), Theodore Rosenof explores the theories that emerged from the economic carnage of the 1930s and how they were adapted and used since, especially in response to the stagnation of the 1970s.

In the period before 1929, explanations of the how the economy worked as a whole ("macroeconomic theory") focused on its self-correcting nature. In the medium-term any significant level of unemployment was not possible; wages and other prices would adjust to eliminate such adverse conditions.

Such "Classical" theory, however, could not account for the length or depth of the Great Depression, where high levels of unemployment persisted for a decade. In response to this, a number of new theories emerged. The most famous of these was the works of the Englishman John Maynard Keynes, expressed in his 1936 book *The General Theory of Employment, Interest, and Money*. To Keynes, the central cause of the Great Depression was a lack of investment. Simply put, individuals lacked faith in the future. Even low interest rates might not be enough of an inducement to people to put their money into risking propositions. As a result, the entire economy could become stuck indefinitely at a level of activity that wasn't great enough for everyone to have a job.

On the American side of the Atlantic, the greatest supporter and interpreter of Keynes was the noted Harvard economist Alvin Hansen. To the more Continental influenced Hansen, the key to the "secular stagnation" of the Great Depression was the very nature of factors such as geographic expansion, population growth, and technology which had driven the rapid growth of the period leading up to 1929. With the closing of the American frontier and slower population growth, there simply was less of a private need for and desire to invest. However, in the Keynes/Hansen analysis, this very investment was the key to long term economic growth and the key to escaping from the Great Depression.

The major American competitor to Hansen in arguing against the then orthodox Classical theory was Gardiner C. Means and his theory of administered prices. Unlike the works of Hansen, Means assumed that the economy at its basic operating level was not perfectly efficient. In the real world, Means argued, semi-competitive industries dominated by a few large firms were the norm. The Classical model — and Keynes and Hansen — failed as prices were not perfectly flexible as they had assumed. Instead, large firms had very great influence — and consumer relative little say — over the level of prices. When faced with a downturn, large firms would tend to raise their prices, causing the economy to stagnate with persistent unemployment.

Strangely, no synthesis was ever reached between the theories of Hansen and Means, though they predicted very similar outcomes. By the 1970s, an easy to use, short run version of Keynesian theory had become the accepted theory. This concept — which remains the standard theory taught in introductory college classes to this day — proved no better at explaining the simultaneous inflation and recession of the 1970s than Classical theory had proven during the Great Depression. A period of theoretical confusion followed, with some of the long-run elements of Hansen and Keynes, and Means finding renewed favor.

Economic theory, by its nature as a mathematical social science, can be quite difficult to grasp. Rosenof's account is quite readable though, and does an excellent job explaining what happened over the 60 years the book covers in a mere 177 pages (plus copious notes). The average reader will come away with a greater understanding of the history of economic thought without wishing that they hadn't slept through that 8:00am econ class when they were still in college.

At a deeper level Rosenof's account remains unfulfilling. It offers a view of the past, which is not and cannot be a view of the future. Tracing the evolution of economic thought is not the same thing as taking various competing ideas and presenting a clear synthesis — a new theory — out of them. Though Rosenof tries to do so in *Economics in the Long Run*, the results are unconvincing.

— Michael Lowrey

I Awake

*I awake again, silently seeking
Desiring to have, desperate to hold
Searching for that which I have not had
That mirage beyond the endless ocean*

*I awake again, craving to be the one
To be the sensuous other, to be all I am
Or at least am, in my dauntless dreams
In control, a commander ruling the ocean.
Or, at least, the mate, the officer
The respected soul, sure and steady*

*I awake again, hoping but often just coping
Coping with awkward desires, wishful thoughts
Images, memories, too painful, then and forever
Still finding nothing but endless, dreary days
Waves of water, slapping and salting my face
As I ride a turbulent sea, seeking port*

*And still, I awake, only with myself
The craver, the madman within bounds
Restless and listless, a beast battered by the ocean
Sailing ever onward, into darkened skies
Seeking to have and hold, worship and love
Or, perhaps, just soothe the tempests of my soul*

—Michael Lowrey

Konrad Adenauer (97W) Winter 1901

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Russia	Pat Conlon	PO Box 1413 Mammoth Lakes CA 93546
Turkey	Doug Hooper	1653 Allens Ferry Rd Smithville TN 37166

Supply Center Chart

Austria	(2)	bud, ser
England	(4)	edi, ion, ipl, nwy
France	(5)	bre, mar, mun, par, por
Germany	(5)	bel, ber, den, hol, kie
Italy	(5)	nap, rom, tri, ven, vie
Russia	(6)	mos, rum, sev, stp, swe, war
Turkey	(4)	ank, bul, con, smy

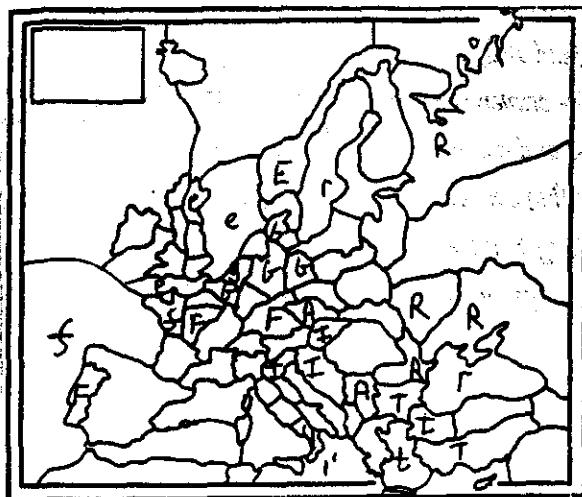
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Deadline: Spring 1902 orders are due January 2.

Notes: Season separation by player request. Press is on page 9.

Austria Remove F Alb. Has A Boh, A Ser
England Build F Edi. Has F Edi, A Nwy, F Nth, F Eng
France Build F Bre, A Par. Has A Par, F Bre, F Mid, A Por, A Mun
Germany Build A Ber, A Kie. Has A Ber, A Kie, A Bel, A Den H, F Hol
Italy Build A Ven, F Nap. Has F Ion, A Tri, A Vie, F Nap, A Ven
Russia Build A Stp, A Sev. Has A Stp, A Ukr, A Rum, A Sev, F Bla, F Swe
Turkey Build F Con. Has F Aeg, F Con, A Smy, A Bul



Drake Turn Fifteen

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Deadline: Turn Sixteen orders are due January 2.

David Hood	Hickory Instellar Colonial Kingpins (HICK)
Keith Oschman	Galactic Unicorn
Vince Lutterbie	Vince's Winches
David Partridge	Barsoom Project
Pat Conlon	Spacehog

1. *HICK* bids 100 on the Outpost and gets it (Ti13, Ti13, Ti11, Ti11, Ti11, Ti11, 30 discount). Buys two Titanium factories (Mi18, Mi18, Ti9, Wa5, Wa4, Or5, Or4) and three people (Ti8, Ti7) to man the new plants.

2. The *Barsoom Project* buys two population (Ti10) to man a water and an ore plant.

3. *Vince's Winches* purchases two New Chemical factories (MWa, NC24, NC22, Re15, Re14, Wa10, Wa6) and transfers crew from water production to man them.

4. *Spacehog* passes.

5. *Galactic Unicorn* buys a water factory (Wa7, Wa7, Wa6) and two robots (Wa9, Wa5, Or4, Or2) to put all of his factories into production.

Factories/Upgrades

<u>Outpost</u>	<u>Factories</u>	<u>Upgrades</u>	<u>VP</u>
<i>HICK</i>	OrF, OrF, 2xWaF, 12xTiF	HE, No, 2xEP, 2xOL, 2xOu	53
<i>Barsoom Project</i>	OrF, OrF, WaF, WaF, 5xTiF	DL, Wh, HE, No, EP, OL	26
<i>Vince's Winches</i>	OrF, OrF, 2xWa, 2xWaF, 3xNCF	DL, DL, No, Sc, Sc, Ro	22
<i>Spacehog</i>	2xOrF, WaF, WaF, 3xTiF, ReF, NCF	DL, Wh, HE, OL, La	20
<i>Galactic Unicorn</i>	OrF, OrF, WaF, 4xWaF	Wh, Wh, HE, No, Ro	15

Purchase Order: HICK, Barsoom, Vince's, Spacehog, Unicorn

Colony Upgrade Cards Available: 2 Planetary Cruisers (160), Ecoplants (50), Laboratory (100), Robots (50)

Not Yet Delivered: 4 Moon Bases, 2 Planetary Cruisers, 4 Space Stations, 2 Outposts, 2 Laboratories, 1 Robot, 2 Scientists

Notes: Minimum bids are listed in parenthesis.

Press: *Spacehog-HICK*: I didn't think it was possible to win this game without getting into Research and New Chem. So far, you are proving me wrong. Will you stick with your Titanium strategy?

Your production cards are:

Eduard Shevardadze (97E) Fall 1904

<i>Austria</i>	Eric Mikulaninec	2529 North Halsted, Apt N-1 Chicago IL 60614
<i>England</i>	Steve Cooley	23927 Ranney House Ct Valencia CA 91355
<i>France</i>	Matthew Matz	4805 Cara Ct Chester Springs PA 19425
<i>Germany</i>	Jim O'Kelley	664 West Irving Park Rd, Unit 16 Chicago IL 60613
<i>Italy</i>	Rob Hensley	1314 Joni Dr Louisville KY 40216
<i>Russia</i>	Randy Davis	5982 South Cedar St Freeland WA 98249
<i>Turkey</i>	Stephen Mayer	9454 Hawksmoor Ln Sarasota FL 34228

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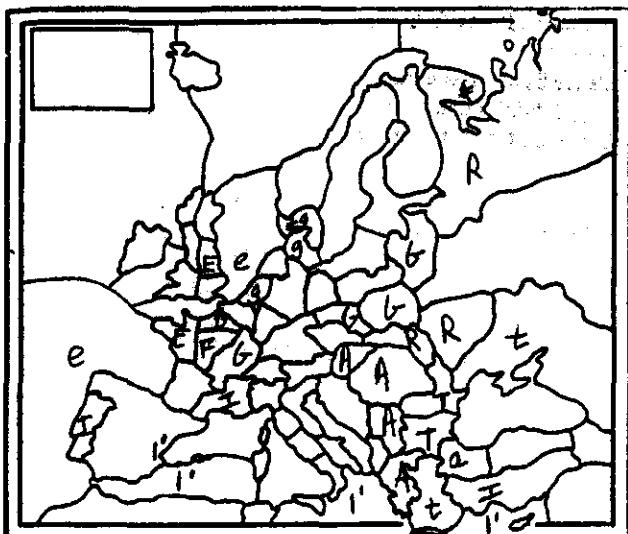
<i>Austria</i>	(6)	bud, com, gre, ser, tri, vie	Build one
<i>England</i>	(5)	bre, edi, lon, lpl, nwy, stp	Remove one, even, or build one
<i>France</i>	(1)	par	
<i>Germany</i>	(8)	bel, ber, den, hol, kie, mun, swe, war	
<i>Italy</i>	(8)	mar, nap, por, rom, suny, spa, tun, ven	Build one
<i>Russia</i>	(2)	mos, rum, sev, stp	Remove one
<i>Turkey</i>	(4)	ank, bul, com, rum, sev, suny	

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Deadline: Winter 1904/Spring 1905 orders are due January 2.

Notes: English adjustments depend on how many of their units retreat off. Press is on page 9.

<i>Austria</i>	F Aeg-Con, <u>A Gre-Bul</u> , <u>A Ser S A Gre-Bul</u> , <u>A Bud-Rum</u> , <u>A Vie-Gal</u>
<i>England</i>	F StP (nc) H (d, bar, nwy, otb), F Mid S A Bre, A Bre S French A Par, F Nth C A Yor-Hol, F Ska-Swe (d, nwy, otb), A Yor-Hol
<i>France</i>	A Par H
<i>Germany</i>	A Lvn S Russian A Mos-StP, A Sil S A War, <u>A War S A Sil</u> , F Hol-Nth, F Swe-Ska, F Den S F Swe-Ska, <u>A Pic-Rel</u> , <u>A Bur-Rel</u>
<i>Italy</i>	A Por H, F Wes-Mid, F Lyo-Spa(sc), A Mar H, F Eas S A Syr-Smy, A Syr-Smy, F Ion H
<i>Russia</i>	A Mos-StP, <u>A Ukr-War</u> , <u>A Gal-Vie</u>
<i>Turkey</i>	F Bla-Sev, A Bul S A Rum-Ser, A Rum-Ser, F Smy-Aeg



Arleigh Burke (96J) Game Over

Austria	Pat Conlon	PO Box 1413 Mammoth Lakes CA 93546
England	Paul Milewski	7 Mallard Drive Amelia OH 45102
Germany	Melinda Holley	1823 Enslow Blvd Huntington WV 25701
Italy	Stephen Mayer	9454 Hawksmoor Lane Sarasota FL 34238
Turkey	Steve Cooley	23927 Ranney House Ct Valencia CA 91355

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Deadline: Endgame statements are due January 2.

Old Proposal: EGT fails (2 to 1), AEGIT fails (1 to 2), ET draw passes (3 to 0)

Notes: German a Gal retreats to Bud. Congratulations to Steve and Paul on their fine draw.

Austria: Hmm, seems no one wants to order the Austrian units. Hope y'all like deviants (or is the word "variants")?

Rome- London & Constantinople: As the eagles die, the vultures gather.

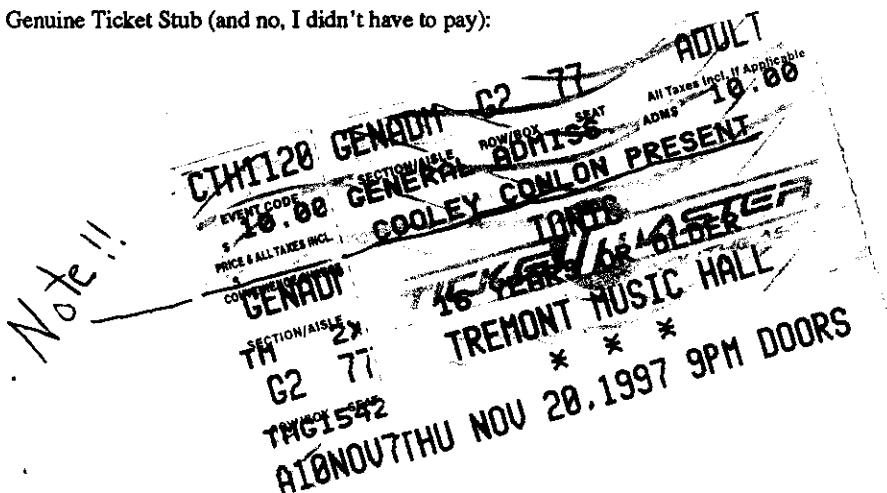
Rome-Apulia: Hospitality starts at home: I suggest you go there

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Austria	5	5	7	6	5	5	3	3	3	Pat Conlon (Survive Winter 1909)
England	5	7	9	10	10	10	9	11	12	Michael Guth (Drop Fall 1907) Paul Milewski (Draw Winter 09)
France	4	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	Wayne Morrison (Resign Spring '03) Steve Koehler (Elim Fall 1905)
Germany	4	6	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	Melinda Holley (Survive Winter '09)
Italy	4	4	5	6	7	5	7	4	3	Stephan Mayers (Survive Winter '09)
Russia	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Marcel Carbenneau (Drop Spring 1903) David Pierce (Elim Fall 1903)
Turkey	4	3	4	4	5	8	9	10	10	Steve Cooley (Draw Winter 09)

Genuine Ticket Stub (and no, I didn't have to pay):



Dispatches From the Front

Eduard Shevardadze

Germany-France: My offer is still on the table. Just say the word and it's yours.

The French Elvis Sings: And now, the end is near as I approach my final curtain...

Germany-England: Lou Holtz? I don't get it.

Berlin-St. Pete(?): I was very, very sorry to hear about your Buster. And I hope it's not a bad omen.

Berlin-London: It's a good thing you're not drafting me. Unreliable allies (see Italy) give me gas.

Russia-England: I'm still hoping to stomp some limes and distill some lime-flavored Vodka. Salute!

Russia-Germany: You've gained yourself a fine new ally, least I think.

Germany-Italy: Look at last season's map and note that you can draw a line from Kie and Ber, through Ven and Tri, all the way to Nap without touching a single unit. That was my contribution to this game. If a few seasons hence that swath of land more closely resembles a slice of watermelon that has fallen to the ground at a picnic, you will have yourself to thank.

Russia-World: For all those that are mystified by Turkey's move to Rum, I told him he could have it.

Russia-Austria: You may require amputation as the Gang Green festers in your foot.

Russia-Turkey: Enjoy Rumania! Death to the Gang Green military!

Turkey (and Russia)-Germany: We are "bad", yes it's true

But "one" of us, is better than "all" of you

Konrad Adenauer

France-Germany: Adolph tried the same shit you're pulling. You could have had 2 centers and an ally but you went foor 3 centers and an enemy. Nice choice Einstein! By the way the view from Munich is beautiful this time of year.

France-World: If anybody needs help kicking German butt, let me know... we're good at it!

Russia-All: These deadlines come very quickly. You've got to write immediately if you want to have an impact on Russian moves for next season.

Bonefish Turn Ten, Part 1

David Hood	Plays D5	Merges Worldwide into Fest., Buys 3 Continents
Vince "The Drill" Lutterbie	Plays C2	Merges American into Festival
Pat Conlon		
Ed Rothenheber		

	A	C	E	I	L	T	W	\$
Size	-	4	14	2	2	8	-	—
Price	300	600	800	400	200	600	-	—
Bank	0	14	15	23	14	5	18	—
P. Conlon	8	4	4	-	-	3	-	5550
D. Hood	-	6	-	-	5	7	7	4200
V. Lutterbie	8	-	-	1	9	10	-	950
E. Rothenheber	9	4	6	1	-	-	-	3000

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Order: Lutterbie purchases, Conlon, Rothenheber

Notes: David holds on to his Worldwide shares, while Pat sells his shares.

As we have a complicated situation with the American merger, there's a separation. I'll need player's actions on the American shares, Vince's purchases, and the rest of round 10.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	x						C	C	x			x
B				F			C	C				
C	F	F	F	F	F					L	L	
D		F		F	F							x
E	F				F	F						
F			T			F						x
G	T	T	T				F	F	I	I		
H			T	T		F	F					
I	x		T	T			F		x			x

Your Tiles:

Random Notes

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Paul Raphael

Well that's our newspaper coverage of it. My observations that it would be funnier if she could fry, have not been appreciated. Although as journalists got beaten up for being American in her home town, I think things are just ridiculous now.

Oh look England qualified for the World Cup, so did Germany... Although I'm becoming a Jamaican supporter too. The Reggae Boys will become as big cult heroes as their bobsleigh team.

Glad to see David appreciated my offer of help. Can I be paid expenses to check out all the bars beforehand?

One other bit of news. The London Hobbymeet is now on the third Thursday of every month in the Firkin pub on the Evston Road — nearest stations are Exton and King's Cross. Good beer, and good people — any of your readers who happen to be in the area, mine's a Lowenbrau.

Otherwise the Conservative Party are still arguing unaware that if the Labour Party introduced bubonic plague to the nation, they would continue to be popular. Plus my local police station is one of three where you can hand in illegally owned guns. This is because Streatham, along with Brixton, Vauxhall, and Kennington — all just up the road — have the highest rates for this sort of problem in the country. One way to get women impressed about where you live, or not as the case turns out. Everyone seems to be think it is like Beirut here now. I'm enjoying this and will see if it effects house prices...

My musical tastes these days are running very much toward old reggae. (Might this be a function of my doing the reggae show on the radio now? Probably...) Recent acquisitions, all highly recommended, include Joe Higgs' great *Life of Contradiction* album, Culture's *Two Sevens Clash*, and the Abyssinians' *Satta Massagana*. I also have a new book, *The Rough Guide to Reggae Music*, which is quite informative.

Streatham compared to Beirut? Wow. Actually, I thought the typical comparisons of urban violence were to American cities. So is the U.S. loosing its rep as a land of inner city violence, drug crime, and murder. If so I'm disappointed... we worked hard to achieve that reputation over here!

Thanks again for all your attention and assistance in these two games that I have participated in. I have enjoyed them immensely (dare I say, the first game more so than the second!) warships have always been a favorite of mine and I own several games with this theme. Something about the utter desperation of it all really. If your ship is sunk, then you are probably doomed to drowned if not already killed. That's total conflict.

» You overrate the lethality of naval combat. While submarine combat is do or die (37 of the 52 U.S. submarines lost in WWII left no survivors), your chances of surviving the sinking of a surface ship in World War II were not, in general, horrible. The U.S. Navy lost only two warships of destroyer size or large with all hands. Very high fatality rates were associated with sudden destruction (the magazines explosions of *Hood* and *Arizona*, the torpedoing of *Juno*), being caught unprepared, or having no one around to pick up survivors (*Indianapolis*, *Bismarck*). Icy northern waters did not help the prospects for survival.

Such cases though were the exception and not the norm, especially in the Pacific. Quite often a ship would take damage that would ultimately doom it yet survive the immediate battle. The carriers *Wasp* and *Hornet* were lost with fewer than 200 men each out of crews approach 2,000. (The carrier *Franklin*, meanwhile, suffered a staggering 772 dead yet survived a Japanese bombing in 1945 that set the masses of fully armed and fueled planes on fire her hanger deck.)

The cruiser *Northampton* lost 50 men when sunk at Tassafonga; the badly damaged heavy cruisers *New Orleans* and *Pensacola* each suffered greater loses in the same battle and would eventually return to service. The heavy cruiser *Chicago* sank from progressive flooding caused by aerial torpedoes with 62 fatalities in January 1943 and the light cruiser *Helena* lost only 168 men after taking three Long Lances and sinking in something like ten minutes in July, 1943.

Even at Savo Island — an Allied disaster of the first magnitude in which four heavy cruisers were sunk by the Japanese — the worst losses were 389 dead on the *Quincy*. (A typically crew for a large cruiser was about 1,000 to 1,200).

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